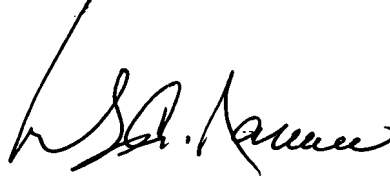


REMARKS

In the subject Office Action, the examiner finally rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(b), but indicated that Claims 6-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicant requests that this amendment be entered because it places the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 6 and intervening dependent Claim 3, both of which are now canceled. Claims 2, 4 and 7-9 depend directly from Claim 1, and are allowable at least by virtue of such dependency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-2, 4 and 7-9.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Navarre", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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